

Walter D. Chambers '52

Beloved son of Lincoln, Veteran, Community Leader, Human Service Executive . . .

It was over 50 years ago that your journey brought you to Lincoln University as a student. Upon graduating in 1952, you made a decision to "give back" to Lincoln University in appreciation of the sound foundation laid by the administrators, faculty and staff during your matriculation. A man of your word, you have supported this fine institution through your financial resources and commitment of time. Moreover, your sound counsel and support as a member of the Lincoln University Board of Trustees has been unwavering over the course of the years.

But, your giving does not start and stop at Lincoln's gate. Rather, it spans city, state and country, beginning with your service to your country in the army and encompassing your community service in various cultural, civic and educational associations and organizations. It is not by chance that your service record abounds with numerous awards and recognitions.

Given your involvement and efforts on behalf of the residents of the areas in which you served, it is no surprise that a large portion of your career was in the field of personnel and human relations. Your 30-year employment history at New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and Bell Atlantic is yet another testimony to your dedication and commitment to the organizations and causes in which you believe and hold dear.

Walter D. Chambers, in 1952 you paid tribute to Lincoln University when you graduated with honors. Today, we pay tribute to you! Not only as a dedicated and distinguished son of Lincoln, but also as an exemplary businessman and community leader.

*Now, by the authority vested in me as President of Lincoln University, and with the consent of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University, I hereby confer upon you our highest honor, the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.*

*Lincoln University
Lincoln University, Pennsylvania
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